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**September 13 @ Youngstown Cultural Arts Center**

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# 20 Years of Building Partnerships & STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND

*By Laudan Espinoza, Communications Assistant*

What do the Meadowbrook Wetlands, Fremont Troll, Cesar Chavez Park, and the Eritrean Community Center have in common? They are all community-initiated projects funded by the Neighborhood Matching Fund! Over 3,500 projects, in every corner of Seattle, have helped shape the face of our city and neighborhoods, supported by the Neighborhood Matching Fund program. Come celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund at a series of community celebrations.

## History

Seattle's quality of life is directly related to its strong neighborhoods and involved residents. Recognizing that neighborhoods know best what they need and are in the best position to pursue those goals, the Seattle City Council passed a resolution in 1987 to "create a partnership between the City and its neighborhoods in order to provide the neighborhoods with tools and resources for planning and development which reflect their needs and values." A result of this resolution was the creation of the Neighborhood Matching Fund, which was designed to promote neighborhood-based self-help projects. Neighborhood Matching Fund projects are conceived, planned and implemented by community members with financial support, technical assistance, and encouragement from the City of Seattle.

## Valuing Our Accomplishments over the last 20 Years

Over the last 20 years, Neighborhood Matching Fund projects have included new neighborhood parks, neighborhood farmers markets, public art, and everything in-between. The City's investment of money leverages additional match resources from the community. Since 1988, the Matching Fund has awarded

more than \$42 million for projects with an additional \$65 million generated in community match (volunteer labor, cash, donated materials, and professional services).

## 20th Anniversary Celebrations

As a way of honoring your investment in your neighborhood and community, the Department of Neighborhoods is hosting a series of free open-to-the-public events. You're invited to drop by any or all of the five neighborhood celebrations we're hosting on Saturdays between 10 am – 2 pm. (See the schedule of events on the cover). Each neighborhood celebration will feature music, food, fun activities, and a scrapbook station where you can create your own project page. We'll provide the materials and you bring photographs, news clippings, and inspiring stories to the event. You'll also receive a free 20th Anniversary reusable shopping bag.

But, that's not all! Please join us on October 11th from 6-9 p.m. for the big event at Town Hall to honor everyone's incredible contributions to building community and making Seattle a great place to live, work, and play. We'll have food, music, inspiring stories, a photo slideshow of projects, and a 20th Anniversary DVD. Meet other community minded volunteers from all over the city and share your Neighborhood Matching Fund stories and experiences! 🌐

# Focus on the Northeast District!

## NIGHT OUT IN NE SEATTLE –

Each year, NE Seattle is host to hundreds of Night Out events. This year, 254 northeast “blocks” registered with the Police Department (according to Diane Horswill - Crime Prevention Coordinator in the North Precinct). SNAP was the theme this year and 18 neighborhoods in northeast were organized around emergency preparedness.

Several events point out strengths and uniqueness of the neighborhoods.

In the heart of the Roosevelt neighborhood, a new mixed use development was recently completed. “Dwell Roosevelt” worked with the Roosevelt Neighborhood

Association and was a good example of developers working with the neighborhood. Linda Prine who is very active with the RNA, lives in the newly constructed building. But, it is not without its challenges – security is an issue. Neighbors in Dwell Roosevelt met on the rooftop garden of their building and shared stories and food; got to know each other and consulted with SPD staff.

Burke Gilman Place is tucked in between the neighborhoods of Ravenna Bryant, Hawthorne Hills and Laurelhurst. This housing development is home to

several hundred low income families and individuals with disabilities. The new Manager at Burke Gilman Place decided to take advantage of Night Out and hosted a bbq with lots of food and activities for the kids. Seattle Police Department representatives visited and the District Coordinator met with folks and made sure they knew about the Neighborhood Service Center.



*Northeast District residents Jim O'Halloran (left) and Doug Thiel (right) flank Councilmembers Sally Clark and Jean Godden (center) at the Roosevelt neighborhood Night Out.*

Near Ravenna/Cowen Park neighbors organized a “Green Night Out”. This neighborhood has a strong blockwatch operating; neighbors know each other, look out for each other, communicate with each other

and on Night Out this year, also agreed that they need to look out for the earth as well. “No paper, or styro-foam plates, cups or utensils this year,” declared the email. “We’re going GREEN. Bring your own dishes, and maybe some to share.” Jim O'Halloran, Doug Thiel and Judy Lightfoot were some of the organizers of this event and were thrilled that they could distinguish their Night Out as Green. 🌍

### **DELTRIDGE**

#### **DELTRIDGE SKATEPARK PROPOSED**

Parks and Recreation Department staff, along with Grindline and Abbotswood, skateboard park developers, held one of three community meetings to explore the possibilities for a Delridge Skatepark. Over 40 people, including community residents and skateboarders attended. People were asked to prioritize three proposed sites presented near the Delridge Community Center. Most preferred site #1 on the north-west corner of the Parks property where Delridge Way SW and SW Genesee intersect because it is highly visible, has tree shade, fewer residential homes impacted, and maintains other open space areas presently used by others. Primary concerns were noise and night-time enforcement of skatepark rules.

### **DOWNTOWN**

#### **THREE SUCCESSFUL DOWNTOWN EVENTS IN JULY: BELLTOWN CLEAN UP, FIRE FESTIVAL, ID SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Downtown was hopping on July 11, 12 and 13 with three different neighborhoods hosting events. On Friday and Saturday, the Pioneer Square Community Association presented the annual Fire Festival which featured the fire fighter combat challenge, kids/family activities and food and vendor booths. On Saturday, July 12, over 100 volunteers showed up at the Mars Hill Church parking lot to head out into the streets of Belltown for litter pick up and graffiti paint out. Additionally, Capt. Brown and other SPD officers were on hand, as well as the mobile precinct. Finally, on Saturday and Sunday, the Chinatown/ID neighborhood hosted its annual summer festival – attracting thousands of visitors from all over Seattle and beyond. City departments and organizations were well represented at the Summer Festival including SPD, DPD, SDOT, DON, SPU, City Light and Seattle Public Schools.

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## University of Washington SALUTES NANCY AMIDEI

*By Karen Ko, Northeast District Coordinator*

Nancy Amidei has been called a "relentless advocate for changing public policy to better serve the most vulnerable populations." No wonder, then, that Amidei, senior lecturer in the School of Social Work and project director of the Civic Engagement Project, is this year's recipient of the UW's Outstanding Public Service Award. If you ask Amidei what motivates her passion for social justice, she will tell you, "You know, different people are addicted to different things -- I'm just addicted to democracy. I think it's in the DNA -- I don't think I have a choice." It was Amidei's father who asked the pivotal question that would lay the foundation for her lifelong passion for justice. "My dad would tell me stories about what it was like when he was a young immigrant, what it was like to be treated like somebody that people didn't want to be around, because there was a lot of anti-Italian discrimination," Amidei said. "Most people don't know it but the lynching in the South were not only of African Americans, but also of Italian Americans and other people with 'swarthy' skin." At the end of the stories, he would say, "Was that justice? Was that humane -- that the little man should have nothing and the big man should have everything? Was there no one to speak up for the little man?"

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Amidei joined the School of Social Work in 1992 to teach policy courses. Prior to joining the UW faculty, she had served as deputy assistant secretary for legislation in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, staff director of the U.S. Senate Selection Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, and executive director of the Food Research and Action Center. She translated her policy expertise into a range of activities to meet the needs of vulnerable populations in Washington state, including the U District-University Partnership for Youth, an initiative for homeless youth. "One day one of my students asked me, "How come you don't get discouraged?" I told her, "When I graduated from college in 1963, there was no Medicare, there was no Medicaid, there were hardly any women in sports because there was no Title IX, and there was no Title IX because there was no Civil Rights Act... there was no elementary and secondary education act, there was no Head Start, there were no legal services for low-income people, there was no WIC program, there was no food stamp program." She added that there also were very few women in Congress, law and medicine in 1963. "Changes were made not because the guys in Congress decided on their own to change, but because people like us called up, spoke up, wrote up and voted up until the guys in Congress said OK. If enough of us make noise, we can outnumber the people writing the big checks." Nancy Amidei is retiring from her teaching position this year. She leaves us with these words: "Use your voice, be an advocate for the things you care about." You can be sure she will. 🌐

## EAST

### FIRST HILL ORGANIZATIONS RALLY TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FREEWAY PARK

Residents from Capitol Hill neighborhoods responded to the call to revive the dormant Capitol Hill Community Council at a "standing room only" meeting held at the Capitol Hill Library. Residents from neighborhoods at Pike/Pine, Olive Way, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, as well as representatives from the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce and the Capitol Hill Stewardship Council participated at this meeting. The meeting was organized in part by the leadership of the Miller Park Improvement Association to reinvigorate the community council and prepare the neighborhoods for upcoming challenges, such as growth and housing affordability and the upcoming construction of the Sound Transit light rail substation at Broadway. In addition, this initial meeting was in response to the recent series of high profile crimes that took place at the beginning of the year. Officers from the Seattle Police Department/East Precinct, the Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund Program and the East District Coordinator assisted in putting this meeting together.

### PIKE/PINE CLEAN & GREEN 2008

Mayor Nickels joined Pike/Pine neighborhood volunteers and University of Washington and Kirkland Middle School students in the 86th Clean & Green event hosted by Robert Sondheim, owner of the Rosebud Restaurant and Vice-president of the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce. The event was held Saturday, July 12 starting at the Rosebud Restaurant and cleaned from Summit Ave to E Madison St, along the Pike/Pine business corridor.

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### GREATER DUWAMISH

#### PIÑATA PARTY AT TRIANGLE PARK

About 250 Beacon Hill community members attended the annual Piñata Party at Triangle Park. Sponsored by a number of Beacon Hill community and businesses organizations, including Sound Transit, the event is now several years old. The Piñata party was initially started by a community member who was witnessing negative behavior in and around the park. The Piñata party was used as a tool to get community members to reclaim the park, and now the event has grown into a mini festival of sorts that includes free food, entertainment, games, face painting, and Chinese calligraphy.

#### SEMI-TRUCK PARKING IN GEORGETOWN

Port Commissioner Gael Tarleton and Councilmember Sally Clark kicked off and led the discussion for the first meeting of the South Harbor Truck Parking work group. Semi-truck parking in Georgetown has been an on-going issue and the Port has convened this work group to look at possible strategies that will help alleviate the problem both short and long-term. The Port has allocated \$450,000 for improvements at Terminal 10, which will be used as interim parking for 250 trucks. The Port is currently in the design phase and is hoping the work group can give design element input by September. They are hoping to have the parking available in the late spring or early summer of 2009. Updates on NW Ports Clean Air Strategy were also presented.

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## LAKE UNION

### SOUTH LAKE UNION COMMUNITY COUNCIL PASSES URBAN FORM RECOMMENDATION

The South Lake Union Community Council recently passed its highly anticipated Urban Form Recommendation, which concluded months of very hard work on helping SLU become an active, livable and fun Urban Center. DPD is currently working with the recommendations to form a scope of alternatives aimed at achieving growth targets in a sustainable fashion. Three new members were also recently elected to the Council - Kent Irwin from SBRI, Noel Franklin, from United Indians, and Corey Digiacinto, from the Seattle Times.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wallingford residents recently welcomed several new Community Council members, including President Mary Heim. The new board is excited and ready to take on many new issues over the next year, including a possible expansion of the transfer station and discussion of a new maritime facility on a county-owned lake parcel.

The Lake Union District Council welcomes new member Pablo Pizarro who comes to them from Johnston Architects on Northlake Way. Along with attending his first LUDC meeting recently, he requested and received a new member orientation from Department of Neighborhoods' Yun Pitre and Tim Durkan. He was very appreciative to receive some historical context on the district and its important issues and is excited to be involved.

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### **MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE**

#### **COUNTERBALANCE PARK OPENS**

The Counterbalance Park had its grand opening ceremony on Saturday, July 19 with Mayor Nickels cutting the ribbon at noon. This park, on the corner of Roy and Queen Anne Ave, culminates an 11-year process spearheaded by community activists. The land was formerly a contaminated gas station site, but community members saw it as a potential place for an urban park and included it as a goal in the neighborhood plan. Uptown Alliance Parks Committee members have worked tirelessly on fundraising and outreach to actualize their dream. The park is funded in part by a Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Project award, as well as numerous donations from neighborhood businesses and Queen Anne residents. The Uptown Alliance plans to keep the park as an active space with programming such as movie nights, musical performances, rummage sales, farmer's markets, etc.

### **NORTH**

#### **WEST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SEARCHES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

The North District Coordinator has put the Seattle Gambia Association in touch with the City Human Services Department about finding a place to serve as a community center. For several years, Seattle Gambia has leased the Lake City Community Center for meetings and programs, including a summer day camp for 40 to 60 children. Seattle Gambia now would like to run its own center in the North Seattle or Shoreline area. Human Services provides funding to nonprofit community agencies to acquire or rehabilitate facilities through its Community Facilities Loan Program.

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### NORTH

#### LAKE CITY BIA PETITION DRIVE BEGINS

The Lake City Development Council will collect signatures this month to establish a Business Improvement Area (BIA) in Lake City. As part of the petition drive, Development Council volunteers will inform potential ratepayers about the benefits of a BIA. Benefits include business district marketing, security, and graffiti removal services. Petitions must represent at least 60% of the total assessment proposed for the BIA. Once the Seattle City Council approves the petitions, the BIA can start collecting funds and providing services.

### NORTHEAST

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### NORTHWEST

#### GREENWOOD OPEN SPACE PLANNING

Tim Gallagher, Superintendent of Seattle Parks and Recreation, attended the July 15 meeting of the Greenwood Community Council to speak about how an open space plan for the neighborhood could benefit the neighborhood in the future. According to Community Council President, Kate Martin, Greenwood has one of the lowest amounts of open space relative to development per capita in the City. The Greenwood community is exploring ways that they can close this gap.

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### SOUTHEAST

#### SOUND TRANSIT STREET SAFETY FAIR

MLK Business Association (MLKBA) and African Business Association of Seattle (ABAS) members met with Sound Transit (ST) staff to give input on the Safety Street Fair. Members would like to see the event take place in September for several reasons. Schools start in September and it would be easier to involve and outreach to elementary and middle school students. By having kids involved, the goal is to have children bring parents to the event to teach parents about safety. A September event would also give MLKBA and ABAS time to conduct the pre-event outreach to local businesses. MLKBA and Sound Transit staff met with members of the Othello Neighborhood Association and New Holly and Rainier Vista community building staff to update them on the event, receive feedback on how best to conduct outreach in these neighborhoods, and to get support from the residents.

### SOUTHWEST

#### SOUTH SPOKANE STREET VIADUCT PROJECT TO COMMENCE

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will soon close the lower portion of the eastbound Spokane Street roadway from 1st to 4th Ave S so that widening and ramp projects to the S Spokane St Viaduct can get underway. Commuters and businesses will be detoured and most parking under the viaduct from E Marginal Way and 6th Ave S will be eliminated during construction. The closure and parking restrictions are expected to last through summer 2011. The widening of the Viaduct and the additional ramp will be completed prior to the closure of the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

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## Calling ALL STUDENT ARTISTS!

Saturday, February 7th, 2009 will mark Seattle's fifteenth annual celebration of Neighbor Appreciation Day. Once again, we are asking Seattle students to contribute original artwork for a contest as part of this annual event. Winners in the past have included students of all ages from all over Seattle.

This year, The Mayor's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs is teaming up with the Department of Neighborhoods and Seattle Schools to involve more arts and youth programs throughout Seattle, to ensure greater representation of our city's young and diverse talent.

The celebration began in 1995, when Phinney Ridge activist Judith Wood suggested that the City designate "a special day to celebrate the goodness in those around us and to reach out and strengthen our bonds to each other." Mayor Norm Rice responded by proclaiming the Saturday before Valentine's Day as Neighbor Appreciation Day. The observance has grown every year since.

Neighbor Appreciation Day is a grassroots celebration. People and organizations throughout Seattle have organized block parties, open houses, award ceremonies, potluck dinners, and work parties to recognize and encourage caring neighbors.



The artwork should depict caring and active neighbors, reflecting the theme of Neighbor Appreciation Day.

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2007 winner,

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Some ideas from previous years show neighbors sharing meals, helping with childcare, exchanging plants, or talking over the fence. Past artwork has also shown neighbors working together on a community project, such as building a new playground, painting a mural, or beautifying school or park grounds.

Art should be submitted on 8 ½ x 11 paper. It is recommended that art be vivid in color; pieces done in water color or magic marker tend to show better, but all formats are welcome.

The winning artwork will adorn free greeting cards available at City Hall, the 13 Neighborhood Service Centers, Community Centers, and libraries throughout Seattle. The winner will also receive \$100. Student artwork must be received by Friday, December 19th, 2008 at 5:00pm.

We may also like to have an award ceremony at the winning student's school on Neighbor Appreciation Day. Of course any expenses this may incur would be covered.

Please send entries to:  
**Student Art Contest**  
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If you have any questions, please call Peter McGraw, Public Information Officer for the Department of Neighborhoods, at 206-615-0950, or email at [peter.mcgraw@seattle.gov](mailto:peter.mcgraw@seattle.gov).

Your participation in this event makes Neighbor Appreciation Day worthwhile for everyone. I hope we can count on one of your young artists to contribute what may be the winning piece of art. 🌍



2008 winner, Simon Thai, grade 7

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### SOUTHWEST

#### ERCOLINI PARK DEDICATION

Ercolini Park was officially dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony that took place on Saturday, July 12. Mayor Greg Nickels, Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Department of Parks and Recreation Superintendent Tim Gallagher, Hazel Bhang-Barnett of the Department of Neighborhoods, and Jim Ercolini joined in on the festivities. Funds to acquire and develop the park, located at 48th Ave SW & SW Alaska St, were provided by the Pro Parks 2000 Levy and the Neighborhood Matching Fund Program.

#### WORK ON STATUE OF LIBERTY PLAZA UNDERWAY

Work on the Statue of Liberty Plaza began on July 7 and is expected to be completed in time for a September 6 dedication. When completed, the Statue of Liberty will feature a new base, inscribed bricks along the Pike Place Market, and three benches.

# FREE Smoke Alarms

## From the Seattle Fire Department



### Did you know?

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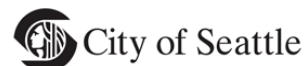


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